

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of: Hirayanagi et al.

Application No. 09/749,865

Filed: December 27, 2000

For: WAFER CHUCKS ALLOWING CONTROLLED REDUCTION OF

SUBSTRATE HEATING AND RAPID

SUBSTRATE EXCHANGE

Examiner: Daborah Chacko Davis

Date: January 22, 2003

Art Unit: 1756

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a Reply and Response to Restriction for the above application.

No additional fee is required.

Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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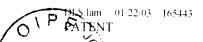
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REPLY AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

This paper is in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 2, 2003.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 15-17, 38-41, 44, and 46) for prosecution in the instant application.

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